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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – Expected Plea Deal for Two California men for Warehouse Fire

(U) Derick Almendra and Max Harris are expected to plead guilty today for their involvement in a warehouse fire that killed three dozen partygoers at an unlicensed concert in 2016. Almendra rented the warehouse and illegally converted it into a residence and entertainment venue. Both men turned the building into a “death trap” with few exits and dark and dangerous passageways, according to prosecutors. Each man was charged with 36 counts of involuntary manslaughter, but will receive less than 10 years each with this plea bargain.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – State Department Issues New Travel Warning

(U) Washington – The State Department yesterday renewed its call for US citizens to exercise caution while overseas ahead of the July 4th holiday. "As terrorist attacks, political violence (including demonstrations), criminal activities, and other security incidents often take place without any warning, U.S. citizens are strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance and practice good situational awareness when traveling abroad," the State Department advised in the warning. The department had previously issued a "worldwide caution" on 11 January.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [Washington Examiner](#)

(U) Massachusetts – 446 Arrested as a Result of a Month- long Operation Full Throttle IV

(U) Holyoke – Holyoke Police Narcotics/ Vice Unit Conducted in a month long operation which resulted in a total of 446 people arrested. In total 2,200 bags of heroin, almost a half kilogram of cocaine, 129 bags of powdered cocaine, 502 bags of crack cocaine, six handguns, two rifles, and \$11,000 in cash were seized as part of the operation.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [22 News](#)

(U) Nevada-Las Vegas Real Estate Broker Charges for Laundering Narcotics Profits

(U) Las Vegas – Luis Eduardo Rodriguez, a Las Vegas real estate broker, was arrested yesterday for his role in laundering thousands of dollars in narcotics through real estate and through multiple Nevada shell corporations in order to send proceeds to narcotics traffickers and money launderers, according to the US Department of Justice. Rodriguez worked under the direction of Jesus Rodriguez-Jimenez, leader of an international money laundering and narcotics trafficking organization. This organization has been under investigation since 2013 and has been involved in trafficking hundreds of kilograms of cocaine and heroin according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [FOX 5](#)

(U) Texas – US Customs and Border Protection Seize Over \$124 Thousand in Methamphetamine

(U) Laredo – On Sunday, US Customs and Border Protection officers at the Lincoln Juarez Bridge, pulled a pick-up truck over for a secondary inspection. With the help of a canine team officers were able to locate

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the illegal narcotics hidden within some luggage. The search revealed a total 8.9 pounds of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$124,692.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [KGNS](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Belgium/France- Iran Diplomat Amongst Six Arrested Over Suspected Bombing Plot**

(U) Brussels/Paris- An Iranian diplomat has been arrested along with five others suspected of plotting a bomb attack on a meeting of an exiled Iranian opposition group in France. Two suspects were arrested by Belgian police on Saturday, with 500 grams of TATP, a homemade explosive produced from easily available chemicals and a detonation device, they have been charged with attempted terrorist murder and preparation of a terrorist act.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) France- Criminals with a Helicopter Helps French Gangster Escape Prison

(U) Reau—French gangster Redoine Faïd was airlifted out of Sud-Francilien Prison Sunday by armed accomplices who landed a hijacked helicopter in the prison yard. Heavily armed men began by taking a flight instructor hostage at a nearby flying club, once landed in the prison the men used smoke bombs and power tools to break into the facility's visiting room where Faïd was. The entire escape took less than ten minutes without a single shot fired. Faïd was serving a 25-year sentence for a botched robbery in which a policewoman was killed.

SOURCE: 2 July 2018, [CBS Sacramento](#)

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